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SUBJECT: EC ARTICLE 19 ACTION - TAPE RECORDERS

REF: USEC 2211

1. GATT DOC L/3847 DATED APRIL 25 CONTAINS EC NOTIFICATION
OF ARTICLE 19 ACTION REGARDING ITALIAN IMPORT QUOTA FOR
TAPE RECORDERS ("MAGNETOPHONES" FALLING WITHIN CXT 92.11 A
III "SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS"). DOCUMENT CITES GROWTH
OF IMPORTS INTO ITALY SIMILAR TO FIGURES REPORTED REFTEL
WITHOUT SPECIFYING JAPAN AS PREDOMINANT SOURCE. QUOTA
OF 150,000 UNITS FROM APRIL 1- SEPT 30, 1973 DURING WHICH
PERIOD COMMUNITY AUTHORITIES WILL STUDY SITUATION IN
DEPTH TO DETERMINE WHETHER QUOTA SHOULD BE "MAINTAINED,
MODIFIED, REVOKED OR EXTENDED." DOC STATES EC READY
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CONSULT WITH CPS HAVING SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST AS EXPORTERS.

- 2. EC REP LUYTEN TOLD ECONCOUNSELOR APRIL 25 PRESSURE FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION AROSE SO QUICKLY THAT COMMISSION STATISTICAL SERVICES HAD BEEN UNABLE LOCATE DETAILED ITALIAN IMPORT STATISTICS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY IMPORTS FROM US AFFECTED BY QUOTA. LUYTEN ASSUMED THAT ANY US EXPORTS TO ITALY FALLING WITHIN 92.11 AIII WERE LIKELY TO BE SPECIAL PURPOSE AND HIGHER-PRICED TAPE RECORDERS THAN JAPANESE INSTRUMENTS CAUSING INJURY AND HE BELIEVED EC WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO A US REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF SUCH SPECIAL PURPOSE RECORDERS FROM QUOTA. LUYTEN ADVISED TAKING UP ANY SUCH REQUEST WITH MAYNELL IN BRUSSELS.
- 3. DATA AVAILABLE TO USDEL 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS SHOWS EC IMPORTS FROM US OF \$948,000 IN 1971 BUT DATA FOR ITALY UNAVAILABLE HERE. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR DOC OR EMBASSY ROME TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC US EXPORTS TO ITALY THAT FALL UNDER 9211 AIII (NIMEXE921150)? RIMESTAD

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